MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On the 12th February 1936.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The site acquired for the market was taken possession of on the 27th Chingom 1113 and a notification declaring the site a public market under the Markets Regulation was published in the Gazette dated the 2nd November 1937. Further action is being taken in the matter.

Purchase of rubber for the Rubber Factory.

158. ✱ **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether rubber was purchased from any estate in Travancore for the Trivandrum Rubber Factory when it was under their full charge ; and

(*b*) if so, from whose estates rubber was so purchased, the number of pounds taken from each estate and the price at which the same was bought ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT : Under Rule 7 of the Assembly Rules, I fixed the date for holding the election of the Deputy President and before noon on the preceding day, *viz.*, yesterday, the following nominations were received :

1. The nomination of Mr. Chattanatha Karayalar, proposer Mr. V. Chandamiah and Seconder Mr. J. E. A. Pereira ;
2. Another nomination of Mr. Chattanatha Karayalar, proposer Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai and seconder Mr. M. Ramiah Pillai and
3. Nomination of Mr. A. Thanu Pillai, proposer Mr. M. Narayana Kurup and seconder Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai.

Subsequent to these, I received a letter from Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai stating that as Mr. Thanu Pillai has expressed his desire not to stand for the election of Deputy Presidentship, he is withdrawing his proposal. I also received another letter from Mr. Thanu Pillai stating that he is withdrawing his candidature for the Deputy Presidentship and requesting that his name may be deleted.

Under Rule 7 of the Assembly Rules, it is provided that the Dewan shall fix a date for the holding of the election of the Deputy President and that at any time before noon on the day preceding the date so fixed, any member may nominate another member for election in the prescribed manner. Under sub-clause 3, on the date fixed for election, the President or, in his absence, the Chairman shall read out to the Assembly the names of the members who have been duly nominated together with those of their proposers and seconders, and, if only one member has been so nominated, shall declare that member to be elected. The rule further provides that if more than one member has been so nominated, the Assembly shall proceed to elect a Deputy President *by ballot*.

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